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SUBJ: PCD POSITION FOR PC/UPPER VOLTA

REF: STATE 309579

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PC/WASHINGTON FOR
ACTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DELLENBACK FROM AMBASSADOR
GRAHAM.

2. BEGIN TEXT: " I WAITED UNTIL DISCUSSION WITH PCD
SCHAFFER BEFORE ANSWERING REFTEL. I REMAIN CONVINCED
THAT JUDITH WOLFSON IS BEST QUALIFIED TO BE ACTING
PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR PENDING ARRIVAL OF REPLACEMENT
FOR JENNINGS. I BASE THIS RECOMMENDATION ON FOLLOWING:

(A) IN SIX MONTHS SHE HAS BEEN HERE, WOLFSON HAS SHOWN
A GREAT DEAL OF MANAGERIAL ABILITY AND HAS GAINED
MY CONFIDENCE AS WELL AS THAT OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

(B) DRABO HAS MANY QUALITIES BUT HE IS NOT A MANAGER
AND IS NOT INCLINED TO HANDLE DETAILS WHICH GO WITH JOB
OF PCD. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD EXPECT TO BE
MADE ACTING PCD.
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(C) IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT THE VOLUNTEERS WOULD
PREFER TO HAVE AN AMERICAN AS ACTING PCD.

(D) MY RELATIONSHIP WITH PCD MAY INVOLVE
CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS NOT RELATED TO CURRENT PROBLEM.

I WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH AN AMERICAN IN THE
JOB AND, AT ANY RATE, I WOULD EXPECT ACTING PCD TO ATTEND
COUNTRY TEAM MEETINGS.

3. FOR ABOVE REASONS, I HOPE YOU WILL RECONSIDER
YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO NAME DRABO AS ACTING PCD." END
TEXT.
GRAHAM

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